CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for performing an inverse transform on a block of transform coefficients, the block having rows and columns, the method comprising:

   identifying zero patterns in the block of transform coefficients to derive zero pattern information; and

   performing one-dimensional inverse transforms on a subset of the total number of rows and columns in the block of transform coefficients by using zero pattern information.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the block of transform coefficients is an MPEG encoded block of 8x8 discrete cosine transform (DCT) coefficients.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of columns in the block of transform coefficients.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the rows in the block of transform coefficients.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of rows in the block of transforms coefficients.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the columns in the block of transform coefficients.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during transcoding.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the transcoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during decoding.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the decoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

11. An apparatus for performing one-dimensional inverse transforms on the rows and columns of a block of transform coefficients, the apparatus comprising:

memory; and

a processor coupled with memory, the processor configured to identify zero pattern information associated with the block of transform coefficients, perform one-dimensional inverse transforms on a subset of rows and columns of the block of transform coefficients using the zero pattern information.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the block of transform coefficients is an MPEG encoded block of 8x8 DCT coefficients.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of columns in the block of transforms coefficients.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the rows in the block of transform coefficients.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of rows in the block of transforms coefficients.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the columns in the block of transform coefficients.

17. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during transcoding.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the transcoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

19. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during decoding.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the decoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

21. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the memory and processor are associated with a cable modem headend line card.

22. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the processor is further configured to rescale data to meet bandwidth constraints.

23.   The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the memory and processor are associated with a transcoding system.

24.   An apparatus for performing an inverse transform on a block of transform coefficients, the block having rows and columns, the method comprising:

means for identifying zero patterns in the block of transform coefficients to derive zero pattern information; and

means for performing one-dimensional inverse transforms on a subset of the total number of rows and columns in the block of transform coefficients by using zero pattern information.

25.   The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the block of transform coefficients is an MPEG encoded block (8x8 DCT coefficients).

26.   The apparatus of claim 24, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of columns in the block of transforms coefficients.

27.   The apparatus of claim 26, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the rows in the block of transform coefficients.

28.   The apparatus of claim 24, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of rows in the block of transforms coefficients.

29.   The apparatus of claim 28, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the columns in the block of transform coefficients.

30.   The apparatus of claim 24, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during transcoding.

31.   The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the transcoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

32.   The apparatus of claim 24, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during decoding.

33.   The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the decoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

34.   A computer readable medium comprising computer code for performing an inverse transform on a block of transform coefficients, the block having rows and columns, the computer readable medium comprising:

computer code for identifying zero patterns in the block of transform coefficients to derive zero pattern information; and

computer code for performing one-dimensional inverse transforms on a subset of the total number of rows and columns in the block of transform coefficients by using zero pattern information.

35.   The computer readable medium of claim 34, wherein the block of transform coefficients is an MPEG encoded block.

36.   The computer readable medium of claim 34, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of columns in the block of transforms coefficients.

37.   The computer readable medium of claim 36, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the rows in the block of transform coefficients.

38.   The computer readable medium of claim 34, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of rows in the block of transforms coefficients.

39.   The computer readable medium of claim 38, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms further comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on all the columns in the block of transform coefficients.

40.   The computer readable medium of claim 34, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during transcoding.

41.   The computer readable medium of claim 40, wherein the transcoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.

42.   The computer readable medium of claim 34, wherein performing one-dimensional inverse transforms occurs during decoding.

43.   The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein the decoding is performed on MPEG bitstreams.